



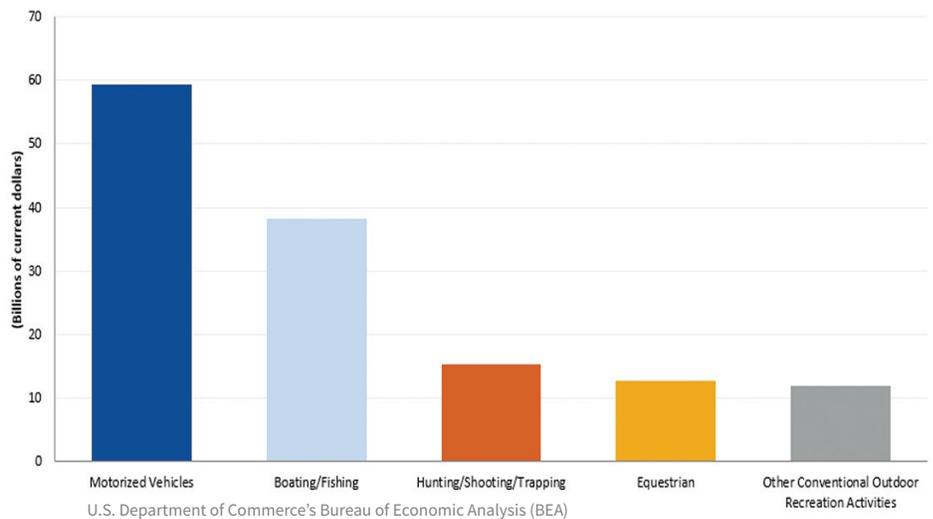
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Access to Montana Public Lands Critical to Montana Jobs, Economy

A recent report confirms that access to public lands is critical to Montana jobs and the local economy.

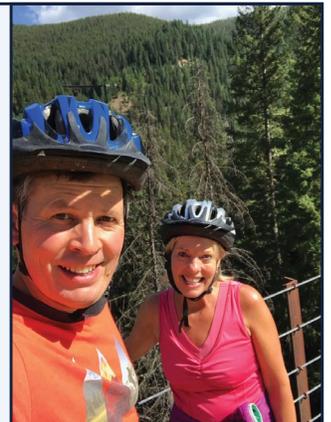
Montana's outdoor recreation economy includes snowmobiling, hunting, hiking, fishing, bike riding and other outdoor recreation activities.

Gross Output for Selected Conventional Outdoor Recreation Activities (2016)



Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis Report Highlights:

1. The national outdoor recreation economy accounted for 2.0 percent (\$373.7 billion) of current-dollar GDP in 2016.
2. Hunting/Shooting/Trapping activities generated \$15.4 billion nationwide in 2016, with hunting accounting for over 60 percent of this value.
3. Motorized Vehicles was the largest activity within conventional outdoor recreation in 2016, accounting for \$59.4 billion of gross output. Recreational vehicles accounted for more than half of this value at \$30.0 billion.



It's critical that we pass the **Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act (S. 2206)**.

"Montana has a \$7 billion outdoor economy. Opening up non-wilderness, public lands to activities like biking, snowmobiling and hunting increases public access and continues to strengthen local economies that depend on outdoor jobs." – Senator Steve Daines

The Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act:

- ✓ Returns to Montanans locked up land within five Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) that were found to be not suitable for Wilderness in a final Forest Service Plan.
- ✓ These WSAs have strong, local support for release, including from County Commissions, the Montana State Legislature, and recreation, sportsman and wildlife groups.

To learn more about unlocking your lands, visit daines.senate.gov/unlocking.